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BOOK PREVIEW

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It was well lit outside. And to top it all, one dog barked obstinately.

He pulled the sheet over his head, trying to sleep a bit more. He did not want to miss the pleasure of the bed in a Saturday morning. And then, why would wake up?

The noise from outside was lost somewhere far away. And he saw again Helen, in front of the school, with an amused face, as he had left her yesterday at noon. He knew that he is in his morning quasi-dream, before waking, which usually control it with ease. But now, the feeling of shame was too strong, stronger than him.

What will he do from now on? In his dreams in recent months, the main character was Helen. He decided not long ago to tell her. To be friends.

Helen laughed amused, and told him that she has a lot of friends, so she have nothing against one more. On Facebook.

"I never went to Facebook," said Dan. "And then, it is not about this. I'm talking about a real friendship. I want to walk together late at night, taking us by the hand. To talk about trifles and how we change the world together, to laugh, and then to remain silent. I would like to remain silent with you.

"Dan, you're good guy, but I do not have time for this. I have my problems. But you will find me anytime on Facebook, simply search for me. Although there are a few girls with the same name, I am the only one from here, and then I put a picture from the trip last year were you was with us, you will recognize me.

Dan said nothing, lowered his head turned and had left dispirited. His world had collapsed.

He never used Facebook, and had no intention to do. A place of those who have nothing to do. In his morning's dream, he tried to imagine Facebook. But it was impossible. It has nothing to do with all those slackers from the social networks.

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"Dan, wake up, it's 10 o'clock!"

Dan heard the weak and distant cry of his mother.

"I'm going to stay a little longer, Mom."

He turned voluptuously on the other side, taking care to remain covered with the sheet up over his head. But the smell of toast and scrambled eggs came through the sheet. He tried to resist for two minutes, then suddenly threw the sheet aside and jumped out of bed. Although outside was warm and beautiful, it seemed to him that the bathroom is cool, and the water is too cold. More splash him than to wash, rubbed well with the towel, and walked quickly toward the kitchen.

He ate quickly and hungrily, and went into the room to dress for the football match to be held at 12.00 against the rival school class. But suddenly he remembered Helen, and his mood for football died. He slammed in bed, staring at the ceiling. What will he do from now on? His life has any more meaning?

He gave up playing football, anyway no more wish to play. Remaining in pajamas, he went to the window and looked lost in the distance for a few minutes. He was waked up from the reverie by two roosters, which began to fight with strident cries. He annoyed. They had a lot of chickens, what did not suit them?!

He went by rote to the office, sat down on the chair and swiveled his eyes trying to understand what he was doing there. His gaze fell on mathematics school book. He remembered that they had to solve several complex problems for Monday. He stretched and picked up the notebook, but it dropped from his hand and fell on his shut laptop.

Prior to do his homework, he would focus better if he first would read a few articles on the net. He drawn the laptop towards him, opened it and waited to load.

D.T. - So he signed all comments on blogs which seemed to him interesting and where he felt he had something to say. From Dan Turner. But D.T. can be anyone else. For example, Dorian Townsend. Yes, it's an idea. He can be Dorian Townsend, an anonymous man. So he will be able to express any idea without fear of being derided in real life. Dorian Townsend will be another man. One more decided in opinions, more bluntly.

But what if he will disguise this way on Facebook, too? To sign up for an account?

Dan is remaining in thought, his hand raised to the sky.

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A dense and acrid smoke hung in the room. Davis yielded. He was asleep, his feet dangling out of bed. At the table in the middle of the room, on the green blanket, the cards were dealt again. The coffee cups were used now as ashtrays. None of the three players still in game has no mood to wash the ashtray full of cigarette butts.

"What are you doing, man, where do you go?"

"It's 6 o'clock, man. What the hell do you want me to do? John has no more money, and I will take your money another time, now I'm busy."

"How that I have no more money? What about this jacket? It's a branded jacket, big money."

"What the hell do I do with your jacket?"

"Come on, one last hand."

Dan sighed, and began to deal the cards again. Poke through the cigarette packs on the table, but all were empty. He picked up a cigarette butt from the ashtray, lit it, and succeeded to draw two puffs of it. Put it out in disgust in the cup beside him.

John lost this time too. The golden rule in poker, when you start losing you must have the strength to stop. That distinguishes the good players from losers. He undressed slowly, humble, his branded jacket. Only now he realized it was made cool in the room.

"Come, John, I am going with you, I am passing by your hotel."

They left together. John will redeem his jacket in the coming days. For now he was trembling all his bones. Outside, they were greeted by the cool and fresh air. The sun was beginning to rise. After a few minutes of walking along silently, they bowed and Dan moved on alone. He liked the most such mornings, after a sleepless night, when he saw how little town begins to awaken slowly.

There was nobody home right now, his parents were away at a wedding. His luck. He had time to get a hot coffee, he drank it hurriedly, picked up his briefcase and hurried to school.

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He arrived on time to school for the first hour of chemistry. There was no way to just miss this lesson. They had a young female teacher, fresh graduate with a pleasant look, well developed tits, but the icing on the cake were her legs, perfect and like they were living their own life.

"Hi, how are you?"

Dan shook hands with his colleague, a tall, quiet boy. Although Dan himself was not tall, he had always loved to sit back in the last rows. So he could see everyone in the class at any time. He liked to analyze each one when it was not interested in what is discussed at the blackboard, trying to guess how each of them feels and lives, beyond appearances.

But now he had eyes only for legs of the chemistry teacher. Though she knew she was looked with lust by the students, he felt a certain delight in the way of how she put one leg over the other on the seat of the chair.

"Turner, tell us the resulting from the reaction. Turner!"

Dan flinched. He stood up, glanced at the blackboard and answered mechanically. He had no problems with chemistry, he understood it very well, though he did not like it.

The teacher stood up and walked to the back rows while talking to the blackboard. She stopped beside Dan. The discreet scent of her perfume dazed him.

He was sorry when the lesson ends. He get out in the lobby of the school, hoping to see Helen during the break. She speak to a boy from the school football team, laughing heartily at his gesticulations. Dan feel an empty stomach. He crawled back to the empty class, and pulled out the tablet from the briefcase. He spent the remaining hours absent, thinking of Helen and Facebook. He had decided to sign up for an account, but had no idea how. He read everything he found on Google about Facebook. Did not understand much, but he decided that tonight he will enter in this world.

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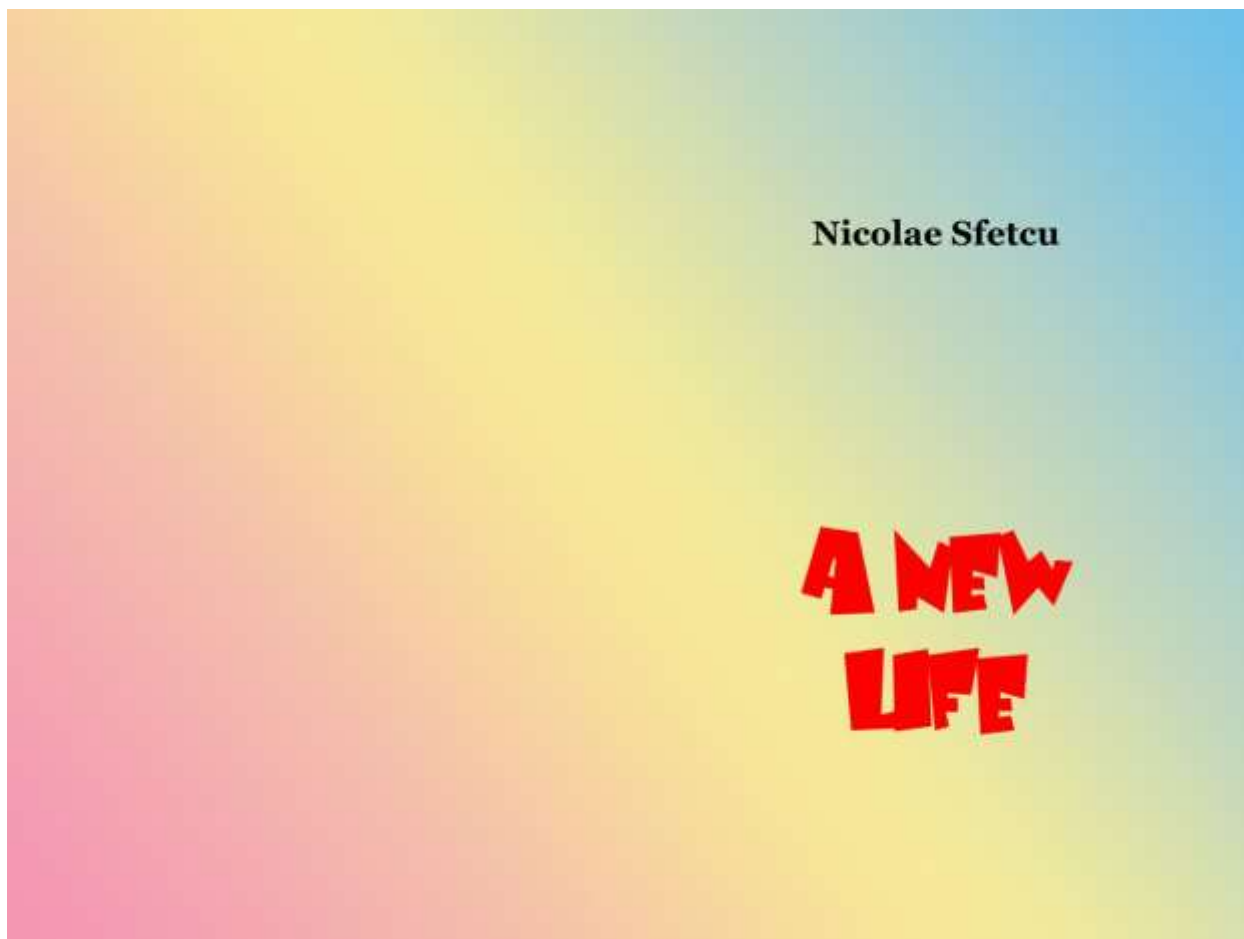
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